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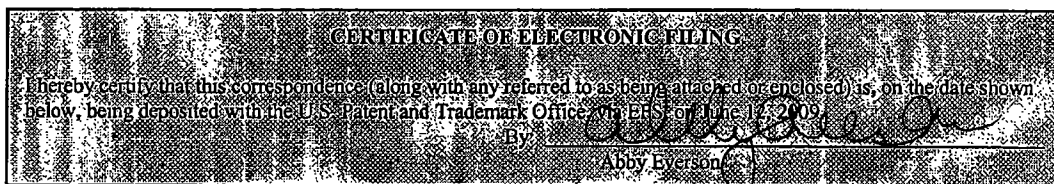
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The citations listed below, copies attached, may be material to the examination of the above-identified application, and are therefore submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application.

A copy of the patent reference listed as number 1 on the attached PTO-1449 is not submitted in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), since it is a U.S. patent.

Copies of the references listed as numbers 2 - 4 on the attached PTO-1449 are attached.

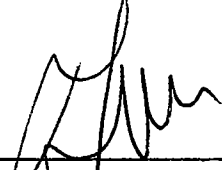
The following printed publications are referred to in the body of the specification:

- Babcock, W. C.: U.S. Patent No.: 5,354,469; October 11, 1994
- Belder, et al.: European Patent No.: 1076239 A2 A3
- Schmidt, et al: WO Patent No.: 01/56771 A2, August 09, 2001
- Herren, et al., *Polymer Coatings Reduce Electro-osmosis*, NASA Tech Brief, P. 680.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests to file herein a Supplementary European Search Report for European Application No. 03799096.7 – 2204 / 1548429 PCT/JP0311352, offering a concise explanation of the relevance of the above-cited references.

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